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SUMMARY: THREAT OF ANTI-JAPANESE ACTIVITY IS SURFACING
IN INDONESIA, WITH ACCUSATIONS THAT JAPANESE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL "INSULTED" INDONESIA AND REPORTS OF AN
ANTI-JAPANESE INVESTMENT DEMONSTRATION TO TAKE PLACE
THIS WEEK. COINCIDENTAL VISIT OF LDP COMMISSION ON
INDONESIA MIGHT BRING MATTERS TO HEAD AT TOKYO POLICY
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LEVEL. END SUMMARY

1. JAPANESE POLITICAL FIRST SECRETARY (KUBOTA) DESCRIBED TO EMBOFF NOV 19 DEVELOPING SITUATION WHICH HIS EMBASSY FEARS MAY CULMINATE IN SPATE OF ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE EXPERIENCED IN BANGKOK.

2. FIRST CLOUD ON HORIZON WAS COMPLAINT BY INDONESIAN DRIVERS AND CLERICAL HELP AT JAPANESE EMBASSY SCHOOL (ALSO USED BY JAPANESE BUSINESS COMMUNITY) AGAINST (UNSPECIFIED) ACTIONS AND STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL WHICH ALLEGEDLY INSULTING TO INDONESIA. EMBASSY TOLD TWO INVOLVED TO MAKE PEACE WITH COMPLAINANTS AND MOST EMPLOYEES APPARENTLY SATISFIED. A FEW, HOWEVER, APPEALED FOR SUPPORT FROM INDONESIAN STUDENT COMMUNITY BOTH IN JAKARTA AND BANDUNG, AND FROM THE JAKARTA PRESS WHICH HAS PUBLICIZED THE SITUATION. JAPANESE FEEL WHOLE INCIDENT MAY HAVE BEEN CONTRIVED (KUBOTA DID NOT SAY BY WHOM) AND NOTE THAT ANTI-JAPANESE TROUBLES IN BANGKOK WERE TRIGGERED BY AN INCIDENT AT JAPANESE SCHOOL.

3. MORE IMPORTANTLY, JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING BOARD (BAKIN) THAT THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST JAPAN FOR ITS INVESTMENT/BUSINESS PRACTICES IN INDONESIA TO BE HELD IN FRONT OF EMBASSY (AND PERHAPS ALSO IN FRONT OF JAPANESE-FUNDED PRESIDENT HOTEL WHICH ACROSS STREET) EITHER NOV 24 OR 25. BAKIN ASSURED JAPANESE THAT DEMONSTRATION WILL BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL. EMBASSY, WHILE NOT AS SANGUINE AS BAKIN, PREPARED TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES IF IT IS PEACEFUL. (WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC PREDICTION OF ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATION, ONE PAPER - NUSANTARA - REPORTED NOV 19 THAT BANDUNG STUDENTS ARE PLANNING TO INITIATE BOYCOTT MOVEMENT AGAINST JAPANESE GOODS.)

4. AT SAME TIME EMBASSY MEETING DAY AND NIGHT TO DEAL WITH ABOVE PROBLEMS (MADE ALL THE HARDER SINCE AMB. TANAKA IS IN TOKYO FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT) THEY ARE PLAYING HOST TO LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMISSION ON INDONESIAN HEADED

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BY SENIOR DIET MEMBER NEMOTO. IN PREPARATION FOR PM TANAKA'S JANUARY VISIT TO INDONESIA, COMMISSION IS STUDYING HOW JAPAN CAN COOPERATE ON SUCH PROJECTS AS ASAHAN AND LNG, AND IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO ESTIMATE TRUE DIMENSIONS OF ANTI-JAPANESE SENTIMENT HERE.

5. KUBOTA STATED THAT HIS EMBASSY IS SPECULATING WHETHER EXPRESSION OF ANTI-IGGI, ANTI-INVESTMENT SENTIMENT

BEING MADE TO PRONK (REFTEL) AND WHICH WILL SHORTLY BE MADE AGAIN IN ANTI-JAPANESE CONTEXT, IS NOT SUBTLE ATTEMPT ON PART OF RULING MILITARY TO DIVERT FEELINGS OF DISSATISFACTION FROM THEMSELVES TO FOREIGNERS AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, TO THE TECHNOCRATS WHO ARE FATHERS OF FOREIGN AID AND INVESTMENTS PROGRAMS.

6. COMMENT: JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS LONG BEEN WARNING TOKYO OF THE DANGERS INHERENT IN THE WORSENING INDONESIAN IMAGE OF JAPANESE INVESTORS AS GREEDY MONEymAKERS WILLING TO USE CORRUPT METHODS TO OBTAIN UNFAIR PROFITS, WHILE DRIVING LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS OUT OF BUSINESS, NEGLECTING CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND FAILING TO TRAIN INDIGENOUS EMPLOYEES. COMBINATION OF VISIBLE EXPRESSIONS OF INDONESIAN UNHAPPINESS AND VISIT OF NEMOTO TEAM MAY BRING MATTER TO HEAD AT POLICY LEVEL IN TOKYO. SO FAR WE DO NOT SEE MUCH EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE JAPANESE (PERHAPS WISTFUL) SPECULATION THAT THEY ARE ONLY BEING USED AS PAWNS IN AN INTRA-GOI PROBLEM.
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